



GENERAL NOTICE – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Subject: Postponement of Mandatory Quality-Assurance Program Implementation

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As of January 1, 2010, Sections 12.27-12.30 of the *Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services* [R23-4.1-EMS] require every Rhode Island-licensed Ambulance Service to establish and maintain a Quality Assurance program. However, due to the resource challenges presently facing many areas of our EMS system, many Services have yet to indicate full implementation of this new regulatory requirement. Therefore, the Division's enforcement of Quality Assurance Program requirements under Sections 12.27-12.30 will be postponed until January 1, 2011. This measure is not intended to deter Ambulance Services from implementing a Quality Assurance program if they are able, but rather to grant lenience to those Services not yet compliant with the new regulation.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions related to implementation of Quality Assurance programs, please contact the Division of EMS at (401) 222-2401.

Authorizing Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SWA", written over a horizontal line.

Date: 4/30/2010